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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of: Farmer, Bennie L.

Application No.: 10/825,967
Filed: April 16, 2004

Group No.: 2636
Examiner: Tweel Jr., John A.

For: AUTOMATED CONSUMER TO BUSINESS ELECTRONIC MARKETPLACE
SYSTEM

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PETITION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN UNINTENTIONALLY
DELAYED CLAIM FOR PRIORITY 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3)
ACCOMPANYING RCE

1. This application was filed on April 16, 2004, and a notice of allowance was mailed on January 11, 2006.
2. Applicant filed this application intending for it to claim the priority benefit of co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/690,459 filed 10/20/2003, which claimed the benefit of U.S. Application No. 09/638,177 filed 08/11/2000. However, upon inspecting this application in preparation for issuance, the Applicant discovered the omission of the claim of benefit. This petition requests the acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for priority.
3. The entire delay in filing this claim for benefit, from the due date until the filing of this petition was unintentional (37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3)).
4. As this claim of benefit was unintentionally missing from the application, it is likely that the examiner was not aware of the related applications. The enclosed IDS identifies the patents and applications referenced by Examiner Gravini in 09/638,177 that were not before Examiner Tweel in the present application, as well as the parent applications.
5. In the present application, with the exception of U.S. Patents 6,438,491 and 6,832,156 (10/223,865), Examiner Tweel has examined all of the references cited by Examiner Gravini and Applicant in 09/638,177.
6. In the present application, the claims are the same as the claims of application 10/690,459.

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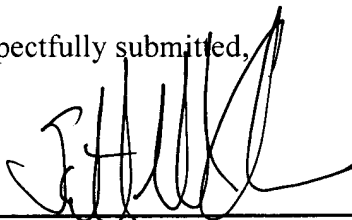
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7. Fee and payment of fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t)):

See accompanying Request for Continuing Examination

Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0450.

Respectfully submitted,



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